

REMARKS

This Amendment modifies the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. In this Amendment, claims 14-26 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 27-51 have been substituted therefor. **Applicants request that filing fees be calculated on the basis of entry of this Amendment.** Notably, all new claims are rooted in the original specification and, as such, do not constitute new matter. In particular, all claim limitations were either present in previously presented and now cancelled claims and/or are identifiable in the description and/or figures of the present application. Pending claims 27-51 are presented for consideration and allowance.

It is believed that all claims 27-51 of this application are in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Any inquiry regarding this Amendment should be directed to either Steven E. Dicke, Esq. at Telephone No. (612) 573-2002, Facsimile No. (612) 573-2005 or Robert D. Wasson, Esq. at Telephone No. (360) 212-2338, Facsimile No. (360) 212-3060. In addition, all correspondence should continue to be directed to the following address:

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